

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings:

1. (Currently Amended) A positive active material comprising:

base particles comprising a lithium oxide compound and a transition metal; and
a ~~mechano-fused mixture~~ coating layer on the base particles comprising an
inorganic compound and a carbonaceous material formed on at least part of each surface of the
base particles of the lithium oxide compound,

wherein,

~~said mechano-fused mixture~~ the coating layer is adhered to the base particles via shearing
and compressive stress.

2. (Previously Presented) The positive active material according to Claim 1, wherein the
inorganic compound comprises a compound oxide of at least one selected from the group of
 LiFePO_4 and Li_3PO_4 .

3. (Original) The positive active material according to Claim 1, wherein the weight ratio
of the inorganic compound to the carbonaceous material ranges between 99:1 and 60:40.

4. (Original) The positive active material according to Claim 1, wherein the weight ratio
of the particles to the coating layers ranges between 98:2 and 70:30.

5. (Currently Amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery comprising:
a negative active material;

a positive active material comprising ~~particles comprising~~ base particles of a lithium
oxide compound and a transition metal;

~~a nonaqueous electrolyte between the negative and positive active materials; and~~

~~a mechanofused mixture the particles having a coating layer comprising an inorganic compound and a carbonaceous material formed on at least part of each surface of the base particles of the lithium oxide compound,~~

wherein,

said mechanofused mixture is adhered to the base particles via shearing and compressive stress, and

the inorganic compound comprising a compound oxide of at least one selected from the group of LiFePO_4 and Li_3PO_4 ; ~~and a nonaqueous electrolyte between the negative and positive active materials.~~

6. (Previously Presented) The positive active material according to Claim 5, wherein the weight ratio of the inorganic compound to the carbonaceous material ranges between 99:1 and 60:40.

7. (Previously Presented) The positive active material according to Claim 5, wherein the weight ratio of the particles to the coating layers ranges between 98:2 and 70:30.